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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF DR. NEW MAN

REF: STATE 079589

1. GENERAL POW WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL APRIL 14.
BUT ON THE BASIS OF CONVERSATION WITH COLONEL CTD ALIT,
DR. AROON OF THE ARMY GENERAL HOSPITAL AND OUR OWN GENERAL
KNOWLEDGE, THE FOLLOWING INTERIM ANSWERS TO THE REFTEL IS
SUBMITTED:

(A) ANY PERIOD OF STAY WOULD BE WELCOME TO THE CENTRAL
NARCOTICS BUREAU, BUT IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE
MONTH IN THAILAND.

(B) CNB WOULD ADJUST A SCHEDULE TO SUIT DR. NEWMAN'S
CONVENIENCE.

(C) THE CNB WISHES TO HAVE DR. NEWMAN COMMUNICATE NOT ONLY
HIS TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE BUT TO HELP
STIMULATE GREATER INTEREST AMONG THAI DOCTORS IN
TREATING ADDICTS. AT PRESENT, MANY THAI PHYSICIANS
ARE INDIFFERENT TO THE PLIGHT OF ADDICTS BASICALLY
BECAUSE THERE IS LITTLE FINANCIAL REWARD IN THEIR
TREATMENT ALSO, THEY FEEL THAT VOLUNTARY OR NON-FEE
HELP SHOULD BE GIVEN THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE ILL THROUGH
NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN AND NOT TO THOSE WHO (THEY CONSIDER)
HAVE BROUGHT THEIR PLIGHT ON THEMSELVES. THE CNB PLANS
TO STRENGTHEN CLINIC FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY
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AND HAS FOUND THIS INDIFFERENCE AMONG DOCTORS A CHIEF

OBSTACLE. THE CNB AND DR. AROON BELIEVE THAT A PERSON
OF DR. NEWMAN'S REPUTATION AND PERSONALITY CAN HELP
CONSIDERABLY IN OVERCOMING THIS INDIFFERENCE.
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